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Officers

Moderator
LYNN M. GRAY

Town Clerk
HARRY LANG

Selectmen
CHARLES WHITE CLYDE SHALLOW
EUGENE JORDAN

Treasurer
HARRY LANG

Tax Collector
LYNN M. GRAY

Highway Agents
DOUGLAS KEACH I. B. BLODGETT

Supervisors
JOHN MARSHALL LYNN PARKHURST
ANDREW JACKSON

Trustees of Public Library
HARRIETT LANG LUCY STEWART
BEATRICE WHITE

Librarian
HATTIE NOYES

Board of Health
ALPHEUS B. FRIZZELL

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber
LYNN PARKHURST

Auditor
THELMA COVELL

Trustees of Public Funds
LYNN M. GRAY ORVILLE TRASK

Warrant

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March, next at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.

2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for three years ensuing.

3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.

4. To choose by ballot and major vote, Library Trustees for the year next ensuing.

5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

6. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

8. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town Officers as required by law.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be

necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

10. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding rolling, plowing or otherwise, in keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their Judgment seems most conductive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.

11. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purposes the sum of $381.40; and the State will contribute the sum of $1,525.61.

12. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the selectmen to use the whole of a part thereof, of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the tax rate for the year next ensuing.

13. To see if the Town will vote to elect two or more road agents to serve the Town for the year ensuing and if two or more are elected, to define the limits of said districts that are to be covered by such road agents as elected.

14. To see if the Town will vote to instruct and authorize its Selectmen to enter into a contract for a term of years with the Public Service Company of New Hampshire for the purpose of street lighting at the Valley, so-called, in said Town of Columbia, and to do any and all matters and things necessary to execute a proper contract touching the premises, and make appropriations for the same.

15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to contribute to the White Mountain Region Association.

16. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Department for the purpose of extinguishing fires, in said Town, and in event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

17. To raise sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

18. To see if the Town will vote to fix the price per day for the hiring manual labor, teams and trucks for work on town roads.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur the debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing municipal year and to pay such debts out of the tax money when it is received.

20. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds .

21. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of the town charges for the ensuing year.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to purchase a new Hydraulic Pump for snow plow in said town, and make appropriation for the same.

23. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a certain highway in said Town of Columbia, and thus described:

    "Commencing on the Southerly side of the land owned, or occupied, by Ernest Drew, thence running Easterly until it intersects the cellar on what is known as the Archer Place."

24. To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of Three Hundred dollars for the purpose of cutting

and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

25. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Selectmen, and all other officers and ratify and confirm the same.

26. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 12th day of February, A. D. 1949.

CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
EUGENE JORDAN
Selectmen

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOS, SS

February 12th, 1949

We, Charles H. White and Eugene Jordan and Clyde Shallow of the town of Columbia, hereby certify that we posted a true and attested copy of the warrant herein, on the town house and Grange hall, two public places in said town, and delivered to the town clerk on the same date, the original warrant.

CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
EUGENE JORDAN
Selectmen

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
COOS, SS

February 12th, 1949

Personally appeared Charles H. White, Clyde Shallow and Eugene Jordan and made oath that the above affidavit, by them subscribed, is true to their best knowledge and belief.

Before me,
LEON D. RIPLEY
Justice of the Peace

BUDGET

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue 1948	Actual Revenue 1948	Estimated Revenue 1949
From State:			
Railroad tax	$ 70.00	109.99	70.00
Savings Bank tax	50.00	26.14	50.00
For Fighting forest fires	50.00	205.88	150.00
Bounties	60.00	60.00	60.00
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog licenses		70.20	
Motor vehicle permit fees	400.00	537.61	400.00
Junk sold		23.70	
Sale of snow plow		25.00	
Land sales		198.48	
Lemington, ½ repair on Columbia Bridge		142.50	
Fire pump		7.50	
A. B. Frizzell, refund on insurance		3.00	
Filing for supervisors		3.00	
Unclaimed checks		27.20	
Refunds		16.91	
Temporary loans	10,000.00	7,000.00	10,000.00
Cash surplus		5,939.23	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes	402.00	388.00	
Total Revenues from all Sources except property taxes	11,032.00	14,784.34	10,730.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes	23,143.43	28,254.07	
Total Revenues	$34,175.43	43,038.41	10,730.00

Purposes of Expenditures	Appro-priations 1948	Actual Expend. 1948	Estimated Expend. 1949
Current Maintenance Expenses:			
General Government:			
Town officers' salaries $	900.00	1,046.00	1,000.00
Town officers' expenses	900.00	653.62	1,000.00
Expenses town hall	75.00	119.40	125.00
Fire department	450.00	448.20	700.00
Bounties		88.00	
Vital Statistics		12.75	
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance: Summer	2,500.00	2,019.70	2,500.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	5,000.00	4,153.20	5,000.00
General expenses of Highway Dept.	500.00	288.00	500.00
Public Welfare:			
Auto permits		77.00	
Libraries	150.00	200.00	150.00
Town poor	600.00	200.00	600.00
Old age Asst.	600.00	279.54	600.00
Columbia Bridge		5.84	
Cemeteries	200.00	71.75	100.00
Taxes bought by town		229.06	
Abatements		250.80	
Temporary loans		7,057.75	10,000.00
State Aid Construction town's share	397.07	379.54	379.54
New equipment	1,000.00		1,000.00
County taxes	2,441.12	3,614.81	3,614.81
School taxes	12,630.00	9,982.83	14,500.00
Total Expenditures	$28,343.19	31,177.81	41,769.35

TAXES ASSESSED

County Tax	$ 3,614.81	
Town Poor	1,200.00	
Highways and Bridges	2,500.00	
Winter Roads	5,000.00	
Class V Roads	397.54	
General Expense Highway Dept.	300.00	
Cemeteries	150.00	
Fire Department	500.00	
Town Charges	1,800.00	
Library	150.00	
White Mt. Reg. Assoc.	25.00	
School Tax	12,630.00	
		$28,267.35
Less Estimated Revenue:		
Auto Permits	400.00	
Railroad Tax	70.00	
Savings Bank Tax	50.00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	6.67	
		526.67
		27,740.68
Plus Overlay		894.72
		28,635.40
Less Poll Taxes		378.00
		$28,257.40

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA

For 12 Months Ending December 31, 1948

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$11,549.38
Due From State:	
Bounties	88.00
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale acct of)	
(a) Levy of 1948	229.06
(b) Levy of 1947	89.44
(c) Levy of 1945	101.86
(d) Levy of 1944	58.21
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1948	
Property Taxes 1,045.59 Poll 48.00	1,093.59
Total Assets	$13,209.54

LIABILITIES

Due to School District, dog licenses	$ 70.20
Due to School District, appropriation	6,930.00
Total Liabilities	7,000.20
Excess of assets over liabilities	6,209.34
	13,209.54
Assets December 31, 1948	6,209.34
Surplus December 31, 1947	790.08
Surplus	$ 5,419.26

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	$ 70,000.00
Land and Buildings	299,820.00
Growing Wood and Timber	80,148.00
96 Horses	11,175.00
573 Cows	76,665.00
125 Neat Stock	11,175.00
19 Hogs	475.00
Wood, Lumber etc.	55,901.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	355.00
Total Valuation	605,714.00
Soldiers Exemptions	7,125.00
Total Valuation less Exemptions	$598,589.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Halls, Lands and Buildings	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries: Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Depts., Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	5,980.72
Schools, Lands and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
	$42,980.72

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	$ 5,939.23
Charles White, sale of snow plow	25.00
State Treasurer, bounties	60.00
F. Gordon Kimball, refund on forest fires	205.88
Lynn Gray, land sales	198.48
Town of Lemington, ½ repair of Columbia Bdg.	142.50
Colebrook National Bank, note	7,000.00
Eugene Jordan, fire pump	7.50
A. B. Frizzell, refund on insurance	3.00
Ernest Pilbro, filing for supervisor	1.00
George A. Jackson, filing for supervisor	1.00
John H. Marshall, filing for supervisor	1.00
Checks Unclaimed	11.20
Charles White, refund	7.50
Frank E. Marshall, refund on insurance	9.17
Charles White, refund on light bulbs	.24
Charles White, junk sold	23.70
J. R. Boucher & Son, returned check	15.00
F. G. Kimball, Savings Bank Tax	26.14
F. G. Kimball, railroad tax	109.99
Harry Lang, auto permits	537.61
Harry Lang, dog licenses	70.20
Lynn M. Gray, tax collector, taxes for 1941	18.17
Lynn M. Gray, taxes for 1942	17.36
Lynn M. Gray, taxes for 1944	41.06
Lynn M. Gray, taxes for 1945	180.50
Lynn M. Gray, taxes for 1947	594.94
Lynn M. Gray, taxes for 1948	27,512.52
	$42,759.89

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,046.00
Town Officers' Expenses	653.62
Victory Tax	32.70
Town Hall Expenses	119.40
Fire Department	448.20
Bounties	88.00
Columbia Bridge Lights	5.84
Vital Statistics	12.75
Winter Roads	4,153.20
Town Maintenance	2,019.70
General Expense Highway Department	288.00
Libraries	200.00
Town Poor	200.02
Old Age Assistance	279.54
Cemeteries	71.75
Schools	9,982.83
Abatements Refunded	250.80
Taxes Bought by Town	229.06
T. R. A.	379.54
Auto Permits	77.00
Temporary Loans	7,057.75
County Tax	3,614.81
	$31,210.51

Town Officers' Expenses:

Sentinel Publishing Co., printing	$ 157.45
Harry Lang, supplies	8.00
U. S. Auto & Truck Guide, books	2.20
Elsie M. Annis, bonds	50.00
Coos County Register Deed, deed list	11.92
Assoc. of N. H. Assessors, fees	2.00
Ida M. Horner, H. H. Tax Col. Assoc.	6.00
Charles White, supplies	5.75
Lynn Parkhurst, scaling pulp	60.00
Everett Morrison	5.00
White Mt. Region Assos.	25.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, supplies	44.22

Charles R. Hardy Treas., town clerk Assoc.	2.00
Frank E. Marshall, insurance	145.18
Leon D. Ripley, services	100.00
Ida M. Horner, fees	2.00
Eugene Jordan, telephone calls	.90
Harry Lang, postage and supplies	26.00
	653.62

Town Officers' Salaries:

Thelma Covell, auditor	4.00
Bernice Pinckney, librarian	30.00
Howard Clark, ballot clerk	12.00
Charles Pinckney, ballot clerk	6.00
Spencer Jewett, janitor	15.00
Lucy Stewart, ballot clerk	6.00
Myrtle Parker, ballot clerk	12.00
Helen M. B. Lang, ballot clerk	12.00
Hattie A. Noyes, librarian	30.00
Lila Marshall, ballot clerk	6.00
Lynn Parkhurst, supervisor	75.00
John H. Marshall, supervisor	75.00
Clyde Shallow, selectman	100.00
Eugene Jordan, selectman	100.00
Charles White, selectman	100.00
Lynn Gray, tax coll., Mod., dog con.	145.00
Harry Lang, clerk and treasurer	168.00
Lucy Stewart, salary	75.00
Andrew Jackson, supervisor	75.00
	1,046.00

Town Maintenance:

Douglas Keach	382.49
Clarence Frizzell	27.97
Lovell Oakes	7.50
Howard Gadwah	10.12
Leon Gadwah	85.11
Wilfred Frizzell	73.12
Clare Becker	23.47
Arthur Gould	12.37

Irving Blodgett	275.69
Merit Blodgett	111.19
John Chapple	3.37
Clayton Bennett	18.00
Clyde Gray	35.50
Alfred Bunnell	76.50
Leonard Wheeler	469.00
Charles White	86.37
Charlie Bunnell	6.37
Bernard Frizzell	6.37
Treasurer State of N. H.	18.50
Clyde Shallow	8.00
Howard Clark	74.94
Eugene Jordan	9.00
Everett Morrison	192.00
Joseph Vallier	6.75
	2,019.70

Winter Roads:

Clayton Bennett	478.50
Lynn Parkhurst	22.92
Hicks and Burns	47.28
Robert Spitzner	79.55
Leo Holden	31.95
Russell Oil	564.85
Clyde Shallow	288.76
Leon Gadwah	49.87
Clarence Frizzell	37.82
Howard Gadwah	283.80
Treasurer State of N. H.	87.00
Alden Brown	20.00
Wesley Hartwell	13.50
H. N. Marsh	86.84
Shatney's Garage	130.25
Beaver Falls Garage	72.82
H. A. Holbrook	378.67
Earl Keach	5.30
Stratford Garage	60.60
Harvey's Garage	6.00
West's Garage	94.38
Casellini-Venable Corp.	286.39

Brackett Motor	3.75
Charles White	114.75
Douglas Keach	693.50
Frank E. Marshall	25.50
N. H. Elec. Corp.	18.00
Francis Chapple	49.50
W. R. Barnett Co.	18.40
Arnold Boucher	13.85
F. G. Marshall	3.25
John Chapple	12.00
Mathew Melovick	12.00
Francis Chapple	13.50
Alfred Bunnell	1.50
A. B. Frizzell	24.00
Nelson & Woodard	22.65
	4,153.20

Town Hall Expenses:

Total Amount Expended	119.40

Bounties:

Blodgett Bros.	20.00
Malcolm Gray	20.00
Raymond Card	20.00
Clyde Shallow	12.00
Eugene Jordan	6.50
Charles White	9.50
	88.00

Fire Department:

Total Amount Expended	448.20

Vital Statistics:

Harry Lang	12.75

T. R. A.:

Treasurer State of N. H.	379.54
General Expense Highway Department:	
Total Amount Expended	288.00
Columbia Bridge:	
N. H. Electric Corp.	5.84
Town Poor:	
Total Amount Expended	200.02
Old Age Assistance:	
Treasurer State of N. H.	279.54
Cemeteries:	
Total Amount Expended	71.75
Schools:	
Beatrice White, Treasurer	9,982.83
Temporary Loans:	
Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	7,057.75
County Taxes:	
J. Arthur Sullivan, Treasurer	3,614.81
Victory Tax:	
Collector of Internal Revenue	32.70
Auto Permits:	
Harry Lang	77.00

Taxes Bought by Town:

Lynn M. Gray, Col.	229.06

Library:

Harriett Lang	200.00

Abatements:

Total Amount	250.80

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year 1948 I have recorded births, deaths and marriages.

Licenses have been paid me on two dogs for 1947 and 37 dogs for 1948 amounting to $78.00 less clerks fee of $7.80 or $70.20.

I have issued 153 automobile permits amounting to $537.61.

4 for 1947 amounting to	$ 8.27
149 for 1948 amounting to	529.34
	$537.61

These sums I have paid to the Treasurer.

HARRY LANG

Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	$ 5,939.23
Received from all sources	36,820.66
Total receipts to date	42,759.89
Less Selectmen's orders drawn	31,210.51
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	$11,549.38

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	$1.80
Received from fines and subscriptions	2.50
	4.30
Paid for postage and supplies	1.83
Cash on hand January 1, 1949	$2.47

Circulation for 1948—780

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1948:

Property Tax	$28,254.07	
Poll Tax	388.00	
		$28,642.07
Paid Treasurer	27,512.52	
Uncollected		
Property Taxes	1,045.59	
Poll Taxes	48.00	
Abatements	35.96	
		$28,642.07

Levy of 1947:

Redeemed Land Sales of 1947	$ 198.48
Redeemed Land Sales of 1945	180.50
Redeemed Land Sales of 1941-42-44	76.59
Paid Treasurer 1947 Tax	594.94
Abatement	118.46

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Levies of:

	1948	1947	1945	1944
O. G. Kelsea	37.96	31.12	24.86	21.92
B. H. Kelsea	48.65	39.56	39.94	36.29
France Crete	60.31			
Ernest Goodrum	31.27			
Howard Howe	50.87			
Bertrum Danforth		18.76		
George Smith			37.06	

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, DECEMBER 31, 1948

Mar. 27, 1933, Ellen Cleaveland Trust Fund:	
Amount of Principal	$100.00
Rate of Interest 2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	27.70
Income during year	2.66
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	135.52
Aug. 29, 1935, Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust Fund:	
Amount of Principal	75.00
Rate of Interest 2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	20.07
Income during year	1.57
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	80.49
Mar. 4, 1946, Mary A. Walker Trust Fund:	
Amount of Principal	400.00
Rate of Interest 2%	
Income during year	4.10
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	423.16
Sept. 30, 1946, Henry Forristal Trust Fund:	
Amount of Principal	200.00
Rate of Interest 2%	
Income during year	4.12
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	209.16

LYNN M. GRAY
ORVILLE TRASK

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1948	$ 79.23	
Received from Town Treasurer	200.00	
Taken in on books	11.22	
		$290.45

Payments

Paid for Books	96.76	
Paid for Magazines	33.75	
Service Charge	1.60	
		$132.11
Cash on hand January 1, 1949		$158.34

Number of Books Purchased—48
Number of Magazines Purchased—6

HARRIETTE LANG
LUCY STEWART
BEATRICE WHITE

Trustees

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen and find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

Thelma Covell
Auditor

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., DURING THE YEAR 1948

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
1946				
Oct 15	Sharon Faye Ball	Harold Ball	Geraldine Harding	Stewartstown
1948				
Sept 25	James Harold Chapple	Francis Chapple	Mary Washburn	Stewartstown
Dec 29	William Bryant Frizzell	Edwin Frizzell	Annie Stearns	Stewartstown
Mar 20	Joanne Lang	Harry Lang	Harriette Lang	Stewartstown
Mar 20	Jeanne Lang	Harry Lang	Harriette Lang	Stewartstown
Dec 13	Kenneth Clark Nason	Clark Nason	Dora McKee	Stewartstown
Nov 8	Hazen Erwin Sweatt	Kedrick Sweatt	Alice McKeage	Stewartstown
July 9	Sylvan Vance Sweatt Jr	Sylvan Sweatt	Evangeline Hamel	Stewartstown
Sept 3	Van Hollis Sweatt	Forest Sweatt	Virginia Edwards	Stewartstown

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., DURING THE YEAR 1948

Date of Death	Name or Deceased	Age Y	Age M	Age D	Sex	Condition	Place of Death
1948							
May 21	Flora Frances Fuller	88	8	9	F	Widowed	Columbia
July 18	Hiram J. Wells	77	11	19	M	Married	Colebrook
Mar 27	John Henry Chamberlain	67	6	10	M	Married	Stewartstown

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF COLUMBIA, N. H., FOR THE YEAR 1948

Date of Marriage 1948	Name and Surname	Age	Name of Parents of Groom	Name of Parents of Bride
Dec 4	Leo Marfred Brooks	43	Fred Brooks	Gerald Harding
	Winnifred L. Harding	25	Rose Coates	Ethel Brown
Mar 20	Wesley Allen Kelsea	34	James Kelsea	John Knights
	Eda Beatrice Jeffers	29	Louise Delong	Stella Brainard
May 28	Stanley G. Pinckney	24	Elwin Pinckney	Fred Parsons
	Jean Florinda Hubbard	23	Florence Woodard	Florence Noyes
Oct 17	Richard A. Rainville	18	Wilfred Rainville	Clayton Flanders
	Betty M. Flanders	16	Ervena Lyons	Thelma Phillips
Oct 30	Everett A. Stanton	21	Walter Stanton	Elery Adair
	Marion L. Adair	21	Wilma Whiting	Jonita Corlis
June 27	Robert Kimball Young	21	Elwin Young	Lew Wallace
	Ione Jane Wallace	21	Minnie French	Gladys Clark

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